

104TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 3220

To provide for the opportunity for the families of murder victims to attend the execution of the murderers.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 29, 1996

Mr. SALMON (for himself and Mr. STEARNS) introduced the following bill;
which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Victim’s Family’s Ac-
5 cess to Justice Act of 1996”.

6 **SEC. 2. SENSE OF CONGRESS WITH RESPECT TO STATE**
7 **CASES.**

8 It is the sense of Congress that—

9 (1) each State should make the death penalty
10 an option for the sentencing of murderers; and

1 (2) each State should permit the adult members
2 of the family of a victim of murder to attend the
3 execution of the murderer.

4 **SEC. 3. FEDERAL CASES.**

5 Section 3596 of title 18, United States Code, is
6 amended by adding at the end the following:

7 “(d) ATTENDANCE AT EXECUTION.—The Attorney
8 General shall permit adult members of the family of a
9 murder victim to attend the execution of the murderer,
10 and may permit the attendance of other persons. As used
11 in this subsection, the term ‘adult members of the family’
12 includes a spouse, adult child, parent, grandparent, and
13 adult sibling.”.

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